

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Claudia Foutz, Executive Director

A.R.S. § 32-1401

JLBC Analyst: Jake Corey

State Medical Examiners Board Fund	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Estimate	FY 2000 Approved	FY 2001 Approved
FTE Positions	44.5	44.5	46.5	0.0
Personal Services	1,168,000	1,451,100	1,549,900	0
Employee Related Expenditures	266,800	324,300	317,800	0
Professional and Outside Services	538,200	724,700	777,100	0
Travel - In State	13,400	50,300	50,300	0
Travel - Out of State	5,700	8,800	8,800	0
Other Operating Expenditures	391,300	454,700	475,100	0
Equipment	98,000	0	63,000	0
Operating Subtotal	2,481,400	3,013,900	3,242,000	0
Attorney General - Legal Fees	213,800	212,300	317,800 ^{1/2/}	0
Examinations	0	16,500	16,500	0
Agency Reconfiguration	0	0	400,000 ^{3/}	0
Total	2,695,200	3,242,700	3,976,300	0
Additional Appropriations - BOMEX; Omnibus, Ch. 218	0	300,000	0	0
Total Appropriations	2,695,200	3,542,700	3,976,300 ^{4/5/}	0

Agency Description — *The agency licenses, regulates and conducts examinations of medical doctors and physician's assistants.*

Public Awareness Campaign — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$95,000 to conduct a public awareness campaign to explain the board's purpose and function.

Replacement Equipment — The approved FY 2000 amount includes one-time funding of \$63,000 to replace 15 personal computers and upgrade the LAN system.

New Staff — The approved amount includes \$61,300 in FY 2000 for 1 new fiscal services specialist and 1 new management analyst. The fiscal services specialist is needed as the board institutes a new accounting system. The management analyst will be responsible for reviewing and advising board performance. Of this amount, \$4,400 is due to one-time equipment.

Temporary Personnel — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$36,400 to hire 3 temporary personnel to assist in reducing the case backlog.

Mediation Services — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$25,000 for the board to enter into an interagency service agreement to refer cases that do not allege a violation of the Arizona Medical Practice Act to the Attorney General.

Salary Adjustments — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$15,900 for the board to adjust investigator salaries to bring them closer to the market standard.

^{1/} Includes an adjustment for office of the Attorney General legal services. (See the Salary Adjustment table at the front of this report for more information.)

^{2/} The \$317,800 appropriated for Attorney General - Legal Fees in FY 2000 is specifically designated to pay the expenses of 3 assistant attorney general positions, 2 administrative assistant positions and the 0.5 legal secretary position assigned to the Board of Medical Examiners. Any monies not expended for the purpose specified revert to the Board of Medical Examiners Fund. (General Appropriation Act footnote, as adjusted for state employee pay increase)

^{3/} The Board of Medical Examiners may use the \$400,000 in the Reconfiguration Special Line Item to reconfigure the current office space or relocate to new office space. Before engaging in office reconfiguration or relocation, the board shall report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on the proposed plan. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{4/} This appropriation is available for use pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-143.01C and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations until June 30, 2001. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{5/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Cont'd)

Attorney General – Legal Fees — Appropriates \$316,300 in FY 2000 for Attorney General – Legal Fees. These dollars are specifically designated to pay the expenses of 3 Assistant Attorney General positions, 2 Administrative Assistant positions and a 0.5 Legal Secretary position. The approved FY 2000 amount includes a one-time transfer of \$104,000 from Professional and Outside Services to the Attorney General – Legal Fees Special Line Item to increase the level of services provided by the Attorney General.

Examinations — The approved FY 2000 amount funds any board ordered licensing examination during the course of an investigation.

Agency Reconfiguration — The approved FY 2000 amount includes one-time funding of \$400,000 and the creation of the Agency Reconfiguration Special Line Item so that the board may relocate to the Doubletree Building site. The approved amount also includes an increase of \$25,400 for additional rent and operations and maintenance charges.

Additional Appropriations: BOMEX; Omnibus (Chapter 218) — This act adds one-time funding of \$300,000 in FY 1999 to establish a Web site containing a profile of all health professional licensees regulated by the board. The appropriated monies are available for use until August 31, 2000.

Other Issues: FY 2001 Appropriation — The board did not receive an appropriation for FY 2001. It is legislative intent that the board appear before the Legislature in the next regular session before receiving funding approval.

[Click here to return to index](#)